

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5-7 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A device for storing bags, having

~~1.1~~ a winding-up roller (1),

~~1.2~~ a drive for the winding-up roller (1),

~~1.3~~ a roll (2) which is arranged on the winding-up roller (1) and comprises at least one film web and stacks (5) of bags arranged thereon, ~~it being the case~~ such that

~~1.4~~ the openings of the bags are arranged at the front, as seen in the unwinding direction.

2. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bags are arranged in an imbricated manner.

3. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the imbrication is formed such that the leading edges of the bags are located beneath the respectively preceding bag stack.

4. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the imbrication is formed such that the leading edges of the bags are located above the respectively preceding bag stack.

5. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the bags, in the region of their opening, have a tab provided with holes.

6. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the unwound film web is guided over a deflecting roller (6).

7. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, having a gripping

means (7) for gripping the front region of the bag strack  
(5) for transfer to a feed means for a packaging machine.

8. (Original) A method for storing bags on a  
interim basis, wherein the bags, combined to form stacks  
(5), are wound up with the aid of at least one film (3)  
such that their open sides are oriented forward, as seen  
in the unwinding direction.